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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
E. R. BEILLON, Esq. A. McIVER, Esq.
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Hon. W. KESWICK.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8% per annum.
" 6 " " 4% " "
" 12 " " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, 2500,000.
RESERVE FUND, 1500,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 " " "

" 12 " 5 " " "

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna.

Brazil and Barcelona NUTS.

LETT'S DIARIES for 1879.

Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS.

American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.

COAL SCUTTLES, new designs.

FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.

COCOA MATTING.

TAPESTRY CARPET.

DOOR MATS.

California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS.

WHITNEY BLANKETS.

REP and other TABLE COVERS.

Fancy Patterns.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.

LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.

GREEN and MARONE REP.

FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.

FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits.

NAVY BLUE SERGE.

CLOTH TROUSER LENGTHS.

Assorted Patterns.

ALBUMS, in great variety.

CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.

CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES.

VEYRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.

COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS.

IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH.

DESSERT, DINNER and BREAKFAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

FOLDING CHAIRS.

CIGARS, CIGARETTES.

KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCO.

HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.

CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS.

CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

Intimations.



NAVAL CONTRACT, 1879-80.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be received by the Undersigned, until Noon on TUESDAY, the 25th Instant, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the Year 1879-80, viz:—

BISCUIT. RAISINS.
SOFT BREAD. RICE.
FRESH BEEF. SUGAR.
FRESH VEGETABLES. TEA.
WATER.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

J. BRENNER, Storekeeper.

H. M. V. malling Yard, Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe25

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will close for Public Business, at 12 o'clock Noon, on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 17th, 18th and 19th Instants.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation,"

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,"

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,"

J. SOMERVILLE, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,"

E. SCHWELBLIN, Adg. Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,"

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.,"

R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. fe19

WANTED.

ABOUT 6 TONS OF OREGON PINE PLANKS.

Apply to

Capt. HYDE, 8, S. Pernambuco, Hongkong, February 13, 1879. fe19

TAKASHIMA COAL.

THE Undersigned are prepared to DELIVER the above COAL, ex Godown, in quantities to suit Purchasers.

LINSTEAD & CO.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879. fe1

For Sale.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS.

LETT'S DIARIES. LETT'S DIARIES.

RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS.

RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS.

HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILBER LAMPS.

French and English BOOTS and SHOES.

The New Patent LIFE VESTS.

PONY HARNESS, CAVALRY'S FIREPROOF SAFES.

SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES.

HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS.

COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS.

SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES.

FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES.

CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c.

PARTAGA'S HAYANA CIGARS.

BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES.

DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS.

DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted.

AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.

SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS.

BASS' ALE.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by Foster.

Bass in Bhd., SACCOONE'S SHERRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of February next, at THREE o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe19

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 3rd, to SATURDAY, the 15th February next (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe19

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Tenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February next, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1878, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe20

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th day of February next, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe20

OHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, on THURSDAY, the 20th Instant, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, with a Statement of accounts to 31st December, 1878.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879. fe20

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 26th Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879. fe20

Entertainment.

ROYAL TYCOON JAPANESE TROUPE.

THIS Company has just completed a very successful tour through India, where they have had the honor of appearing before

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD LYTON, G.C.S.I., Viceroy and Governor-General of India.

And all the principal PRINCES and RAJAS.

They have also travelled with great success through

ENGLAND! AUSTRALIA!! and NEW ZEALAND!!!

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, TO-MORROW AND MONDAY EVENINGS,

the 15th and 17th February, 1879.

The Company is now returning home to Japan, and beg to inform the Public that they will give

TWO GRAND PERFORMANCES, INTRODUCING

ALL THE STARTLING WONDERES for which

THIS TROUPE IS FAMED

And which have caused a great sensation wherever they have appeared.

READ THE PROGRAMME.

THE JAPANESE INVISIBLE SLACK WIRE.

By TOMA KIROHIE.

The Greatest Wonder in Balancing ever witnessed.

THE JAPANESE MAGIC LADDER.

by the Little Marvel—EVA KIROHIE.

This Astonishing Feat performed by a mere child astonishes and delights all beholders.

BENDING and CONTORTION.

By MAY KIROHIE.

Who has been pronounced by the Press to be a Living Wonder.

SLACK ROPE PERFORMANCE.

By LITTLE JAPANESE TOMMY.

THE SWINGING BAMBOO.

By EVA KIROHIE.

JAPANESE MAGIC

INTRODUCING THE WONDERFUL BIRD CAGE TRICK.

JAPANESE TOP SPINNING

and

MAGIC DAGGER.

By MEMBERS OF THE TROUPE.

JAPANESE TUMBLING

in which Act, TOMA KIROHIE will leap through

A HOOP OF FIRE!!!

SINGLE TRAPEZE and BALANCING.

By EVA KIROHIE.

DOUBLE SWINGING TRAPEZE.

By the Japanese Sisters May and Eva.

THE GREATEST WONDER OF THE 19TH CENTURY

"LA PEROHE"

THE GREAT AMERICAN ROPE-TYING TRICK.

The whole turning a Pleading, and Astonishing Entertainment.

The Company can positively only Perform TWO NIGHTS.

So embrace the opportunity and Come Early.

By kind permission of Colonel Jago and Officers of the 74th Regiment, a portion of the Band will Perform during the Evening.

Doors Open at 8.30, to Commence at 9 p.m.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:—Upstairs, 5s. Downstairs, 4s. Children, Half Price.

Tickets to be had at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and at the Doors of the Theatre.

Hongkong, February 8, 1879. fe19

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO.

The Steamship "HAILONG,"

Captain GOODE, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 15th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 12, 1879. fe15

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "NINGPO,"

R. OASS, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 15th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. fe15

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALOUTTA.

The Steamship "MORAY,"

Captain BUTCHER, will leave for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 15th Instant, at 3 o'clock Afternoon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
HONGKONG AGENCY.
FROM Date Mr G. DE CHAMPEAUX
Assumes the Management of the
Company's Agency at this Port.
L. HENNEQUIN,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of
Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our
Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on
the 31st December last.
Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is
admitted a Partner from this Date.
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

I HAVE admitted Captain EDWARD
BURNIE to an Interest in my Busi-
ness of MARINE SURVEYOR.
R. H. CAIRNS.
Club Chambers,
Hongkong, February 6, 1879. mal

NOTICE.

MR. ROBERT BERNHARD has This
Day CEASED to be a Partner in our
Business.
HEINEMANN & Co.,
Ship Brokers.
Hongkong, January 17, 1879. fe17

NOTICE.

MR. EZEKIEL ABRAHAM SOLO-
MON has been admitted a Partner
in our Firm at this Port and in China,
from 1st January, 1879.
E. D. SASSOON & Co.
Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as
a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c.,
at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of
"J. G. SMITH & Co."
J. GRANT SMITH.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

**ELEGANT
AMERICAN AND ENGLISH-MADE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS,
CHROMOS, OLEOGRAPHS,
GLASS WARE, PLATED WARE,
PIANO, &c., &c.**
The Undersigned has received in-
structions from H. S. LORING, Esq.,
to sell by Public Auction, on
TUESDAY,
the 25th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at
his Residence, United States Consulate,
Arbutnot Road—
The whole of the ELEGANT HOUSE-
HOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:
English-made Mahogany Drawing-
room Suite.
American-made Cabinets, with Glass
Doors.
Blackwood Tables, Handsomely
Carved.
Blackwood Carved Marble-top Tables.
Crystal Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Car-
pets, Hearth-rugs, Engravings, Oil Paint-
ings, and Chromos.
American Bronzes, Statuettes, and
Ornaments.
English-made Mahogany Dining-room
Suite.
English-made Mahogany Telescope
Dining Table.
American-made Oak Sideboard, Hand-
somely Carved.
American-made Walnut Dining-room
Chairs.
Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets,
and Glassware.
American Plated-ware.
Double Brass Bedstead, Mahogany
Cheval Glass with Marble-top Stands,
Marble-top Toilet Table and Washstands,
Lady's Wardrobe, American-made Wal-
nut Wardrobe with Plate Glass Door.
Office Desks, Writing Tables, Book
Shelves, Clocks, &c.
A COTTAGE PIANO, by JOHN
BROADWOOD and Sons.
&c., &c., &c.
Catalogues will be issued, and the
whole to be on view on and after
Monday, the 24th Instant.
TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, February 12, 1879. fe25

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of
THE CLUB LUSTIANO, with the sanc-
tion of a majority of the Share-
holders given in General Meeting.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public
Auction, on
SATURDAY,
the 1st March, 1879, at 2 p.m., on the
Premises—
Lot 1.—All that Piece or Parcel of
GROUND, being portion of Inland-
Lot No. 125, measuring about 8,406
square feet, with a Frontage of 81
feet, more or less, on Elgin Terrace;
and the MATERIALS of that por-
tion of the Building known as the
LUSTIANO THEATRE, being upon the
said Piece of Ground.
Lot 2.—The GAS SUNLIGHT
BRACKETS, PIPES, and other GAS
FITTINGS, and SEATS in the said
Theatre.
Conditions of Sale and Particulars of
the Property may be obtained upon ap-
plication at the Office of the Undersig-
ned, where also a Plan of the Premises
may be seen.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, February 12, 1879. mal

Auctions.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has received in-
structions to sell by Public Auc-
tion on the Premises, on
SATURDAY,
the 22nd day of February, 1879, at
Noon, if not previously sold by private
contract, of which due notice will be
given—
THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFI-
NERY, situated on the Praya at Wan-
chai, now in complete working Order
and capable of refining 500 piculs of raw
sugar per day. The Property comprises
all that valuable piece of ground situate
at Wanchai, Hongkong, abutting on the
North side on the Praya, and measuring
thereon One Hundred and Sixty feet, on
the South side on the Queen's Road, and
measuring thereon Two Hundred feet, on
the East side on a close registered in
the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 42,
and measuring thereon Five Hundred
and Four feet, and on the West side on
a close registered in the Land Office as
Marine Lot No. 64 A, and measuring
thereon Three Hundred and Eighty-two
feet, containing in the whole 86,200
square feet, or nearly two statute acres,
all level ground, registered in the Land
Office as Marine Lot No. 40, held for an
unexpired term of 979 years from 1863,
with the valuable Messuages and Build-
ings thereon, which were especially built
for the purposes of a Sugar Refinery
according to Weinrich's Patent and other
approved processes, with the valuable
new Machinery, Plant, Fixtures and
Fittings thereon. Also the sole right
and benefit of the Patent for Refin-
ing Sugar by the Weinrich Process,
obtained from the Government of Hong-
kong by WILLIAM MCGREGOR SMITH for
the term of Fourteen Years from the
28th day of May, 1874.
There is an abundant and unfailing
supply of fresh water on the Premises,
ample for refining over 2,000 piculs of
Sugar daily.
The whole Property will be sold free
from all charges and Incumbrances save
the Crown Rent and Taxes, subject to
the conditions of Sale, which can be
inspected at the Office of the Under-
signed.
For further particulars and conditions
of sale, apply to WILLIAM HENRY
BREXTON, Solicitor, No. 29, Queen's
Road; Messrs SHARP, TOLLER & JOHN-
SON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House;
and Messrs STEPHENS & HOLMES, Soli-
citors, Club Chambers; or
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 8th day of Feb., 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEET-
ING of SHAREHOLDERS will be
held in the Office of the Company, Club
Chambers, on MONDAY, 24th February,
1879, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors, together with
a Statement of Accounts to 31st December,
1878; and for the election of Directors and
Auditors.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th
Instant, both days included.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 6, 1879. fe24

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of
the above-named Company, will be held
at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's
Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong,
on MONDAY, the 10th day of March next,
at 3 p.m., for the purpose of passing cer-
tain Special Resolutions providing for the
following alterations in the Constitution
and Articles of Association of the Com-
pany; viz:—
1.—That the Business of the Company be
in future managed by a Board of
Directors and a Secretary instead of
the former and General Agents as
heretofore.
2.—That if in the opinion of the Directors
the Business of the Company in any
year be such as not to Warrant the
Payment of Interest at 12 per cent.
per annum on the Paid-up Capital,
they may during such year reduce
such Rate to such lower amount as
they may consider desirable for the
Interests of the Company.
3.—To enable the Directors if a necessity
shall arise to pay such Interest or
any part thereof out of the Reserve
Fund.
4.—To provide that when there shall be
profits applicable for dividend the
same shall be divisible as the Share-
holders to Meeting shall determine.
5.—That Fourteen Days instead of Thirty
Days notice may be given of all
Meetings of the Company.
6.—That Clause 147 of the Articles of
the Company be expunged, leaving
future changes in the Regulations of
the Company to be made as provided
for by Ordinance No. 1 of 1865.

NOTICE is hereby also given, that a
Second EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of
the above Company, will be held at the
same Hour and Place on MONDAY, the
24th day of March next, for the purpose of
Confirming such Special Resolutions as
may be passed at the First mentioned
Meeting.
Dated this Third day of February, 1879.
By Order,
J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

MRS. J. F. ROSE begs to intimate to
the Ladies of HONGKONG, CANTON
and the COAST PORTS that on the 1st
MARCH she will OPEN a DRESS-
MAKING and DRESS-MAKING Business in the
Premises lately occupied by Messrs. Ross
& Co., next door to the Hongkong Hotel,
Queen's Road.
All communications to be addressed to
Mrs J. F. Rose, as the Business will be
conducted on her sole account.
Hongkong, February 1, 1879. mal

SPANISH STEAMER LEYTE.

TENDERS are desired for the REPAIRS
of the above Steamer, now in the
Port of MANILA and Damaged from collision
and stranding.
Such Repairs to include everything neces-
sary to replace the Leyte in her class on
Lloyd's Register, and to be made under
the supervision and to the entire satisfac-
tion of Lloyd's Inspector.
Copy of Survey on the Leyte is in the
hands of Messrs. Russell & Co.
For further Particulars, apply to
PEELE HUBBELL & Co.,
Manila.
Agents for the Leyte.
Hongkong, February 10, 1879. fe15

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the RATE of 3%
or \$2.25 per SHARE, declared at
the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Share-
holders held This Day, will be Payable at
the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION on and after FRIDAY Next,
the 15th Instant.
Shareholders are requested to apply at
the Office of the Company for Warrants.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 29, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—
FORTENAY, British ship, Capt. Geo. B.
Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
PACIFIC, German steamer, Capt. Horn-
shelm.—Siemens & Co.
HAKON ADLSTEIN, Norwegian steamer,
Captain O. O. Berge.—Arnhold, Karberg
& Co.
BECKHOVEN, German barque, Capt. R.
Haje.—Melchers & Co.
S. B. ALLEN, American barque, Captain
L. Taylor.—Meyer & Co.
TRINGVALLA, Danish steamer, Captain
Molten.—Meyer & Co.
ARABELLA, British barque, Captain Thos.
Pearson.—Master.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON, AND PORTS
OF CALL.

THE S. S. Radnorshire having arrived,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby in-
formed that their Goods are being landed
at their risk to the Undersigned into their
Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or
Boats delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on
unless applied for by the Consignees by
11 a.m., To-morrow.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the
18th Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe18

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNES of Cargo per S. S.
Copernicus, from London, in connec-
tion with the above Steamer, are hereby
informed that their Goods are being
landed and stored at their risk at the Com-
pany's Godowns, whence delivery may be
obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless intimation is received from the Con-
signees, before To-day, the 8th Instant,
at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.
Goods remaining unclaimed after SATUR-
day, the 15th Instant, at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 8, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship
"HESPERIA"
JOHANNESSEN Master, will have
immediate despatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 14, 1879.

FROM HAMBURG, LONDON, PENANG
AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Hesperia, Capt. JOHANNESSEN,
having arrived from the above Ports,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed
that their Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned,
whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats
delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless notice to the contrary be given
before 2 p.m. To-morrow, the 15th Instant.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the
21st Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 14, 1879. fe21

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship
"RADNORSHIRE"
will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY Next, the
15th Instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, February 14, 1879. fe15

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Company's Steamship
"TIBRE"
Commandant LE PONTIS, will be
despatched for YOKOHAMA
shortly after the arrival of the next French
Mail from Europe.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 14, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Company's Steamship
"DJEMNAH,"
Commandant HERNANDEZ, will
be despatched for SHANGHAI
shortly after her arrival from Europe.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 14, 1879.

BRITISH SHIP JAMES SHEPHERD,
FROM LONDON.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived,
Consignees of Cargo are requested to
send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 14, 1879. fe18

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 13, James Shepherd, British barque,
849, Madden, London Sept. 17, General.
MELCHERS & Co.
Feb. 13, Ralph M. Hayward, American
schooner, 605, Doane, Hilo Feb. 2, Sapa-
wood.—REXEDIOS & Co.
Feb. 14, Me-hi, Chinese steamer, 181, R.
Maraden, Hoihow Feb. 9, and Haiphong
14, General.—O. M. S. N. Co.
Feb. 14, Diamante, British steamer, 514,
Theband, Amoy Feb. 12, General.
RUSSSEN & Co.
Feb. 14, Teucer, British steamer, 1224,
R. S. Power, Shanghai Feb. 9, and Amoy
13, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Feb. 14, Hesperia, German steamer,
1136, Johannesen, London Dec. 23, via
ports of call, and Singapore Feb. 8, Gen-
eral.—SIEMSEN & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 14, Fontenay, for Callao.
14, Olympia, for Saigon.
14, Staut, for Keelung.
14, Theresia, for Nelly, for Takao.
14, H.M.S. Iron Duke (flagship), for
gun practice.
14, H.M.S. Vigilant, for Pakhoi and
Rohow.
14, Glenlyle, for London, &c.
14, Cyphrenes, for New York, &c.

CLEARED.

Radnorshire, for Yokohama.
Ningpo, for Shanghai.
Thingvalia, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per James Shepherd, from London, Mr
Madden.
Per Me-hi, from Hoihow, &c., Messrs
Mann, Lalonde, Herton, and 100 Chinese.
Per Diamante, from Amoy, Mr A. McG.
Heaton, and 160 Chinese.
Per Teucer, from Shanghai and Amoy,
Mr James Hall, Mr and Mrs Gordon, 3
children and servant, Mr and Mrs Kipp,
Miss Kipp, Miss Pagon, Mr Talmage, and
877 Chinese.
Per Hesperia, from London, &c., Messrs
F. Schwarzkopff, F. Seip, H. Schröder, P.
Blesky, Urkenstein, Wenzl, Krükelberg,
and 108 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Glenlyle, for London; from Hong-
kong, Rev. Mr Geo. Piercy and 2 children;
from Shanghai, Mrs Campbell and 2 chil-
dren, Messrs Reynell, Gilbert, and Loh.

TO DEPART.

Per Malua, from Hongkong; for Venice,
Mr and Mrs Mackenzie, 3 children and
European and Native female servants; for
Singapore, Mr W. A. Main; for Bombay,
Messrs B. S. Mehta, S. F. Mehta, and
Native servant, S. K. Fattalla, and Dr.
Carlos, and C. P. Ozorio; for Southampton,
Messrs Joseph Pitkin and John Pitkin.
From Shanghai; for Southampton, Mrs
Krause, 4 children and amah, and Mrs
Oxy, infant and amah.—From Yokohama
for Suva, Rev. C. F. Meyers; for South-
ampton, Mr A. Smithfield.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The American schooner Ralph M. Hay-
ward reports: Rough weather the whole
passage.
The Chinese steamer Me-hi reports:
Moderate monsoon throughout.
The British steamer Diamante reports:
Light monsoon and fine weather through-
out.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—
Per Perioda, at noon, on Saturday, the
15th inst.
For AMOY, TAMSUI, and TAIWAN.—
Per Hailong, at 1.30 p.m., on Saturday,
the 15th inst.
For SHANGHAI.—
Per Ningpo, at 1.30 p.m., on Saturday,
the 15th inst.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND
CALCUTTA.—
Per Moray and Arratoon Apoor, at 2.30
p.m., on Saturday, the 15th inst.
For MANILA.—
Per Diamante, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday,
the 15th inst.
For SWATOW, AMOY, and FOOCHOW.—
Per Kiangtung, at 5 p.m., on Saturday,
the 15th inst.
For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SUKZ,
AND LONDON.—
Per Teucer, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the
15th inst.
For PORT DARWIN.—
Per Charlton, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday,
the 17th inst.
For SAIGON.—
Per Pernambuco, at 4.30 p.m., on Fri-
day, the 21st inst.
For MANILA.—
Per Marivales, is postponed till further
notice.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET:—

The British Contract Packet Malua,
will be despatched on SATURDAY,
the 16th instant, with Mails to and
through the United Kingdom and
Europe via Brindisi or Southampton;
to the Straits Settlements, Batavia,
Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt,
Malta, and Gibraltar.
N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the
Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa,
nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET:—

The French Contract Packet Yangtze will
be despatched on SATURDAY, the
22nd instant, with Mails to and
through the United Kingdom and
Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits
Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon,
India (via Madras), Australia, New
Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Sey-
chelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suva,
and Alexandria. This is the best
opportunity for forwarding Corre-
spondence to E. Africa, the Cape,
St. Helena, and Ascension.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET:—

The Australian Contract Packet Brisbane,
will be despatched from Hongkong, on
SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, with
Mails for Singapore, Thursday Island,
Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen,
Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tas-
mania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Mel-
bourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after
11.45 a.m.
The Mails will be closed at Noon. Supple-
mentary mail on board with 15 cents
late fee till time of departure.
Correspondence for Southern and Western
Australia can be sent by this route if
desired, but as a general rule it is
better to send it via Gallis.
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MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET:—

The United States Mail Packet City of
Peking will be despatched on MON-
DAY, the 24th instant, with Mails
for Japan, San Francisco, and the
United States, which will be closed as
follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.
2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters
(except for Non-Union Countries) may
be posted on board the Packet with
Late Fee of 13 cents extra Postage
until the time of departure.
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HOURS OF CLOSING

THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing
Mails, &c., by both the British and
French Contract Packets:—
Day before departure, 5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes; Post-
Office closes except the NIGHT BOX,
which remains open all night.
Day of departure, 7 a.m.—Post Office opens.
10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.
Posting of all printed matter and
patterns ceases.
11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late
Letters.
11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with
Late Fee of 18 cents until
11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office Closes
entirely.
11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted
on board the packet with Late Fee of
18 cents until time of departure.

CARGO.

Per Malua.—For London: 29 boxes and
805 half-chests Tea, 308 bales Silk, 19 cases
Silk, Piece Goods, 8 bales Waste Silk, 508
pkgs. Sundries.—For Continent: 90 bales
Silk, 84 bales Waste Silk, 30 bales Punjum
Silk, 18 pkgs. Sundries.—For New York:
26 bales Silk, 200 cases Merchandise.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

Daylight.—Radnorshire leaves for Yok-
ohama, &c.
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports
of Call and Europe.
2 p.m.—Hailong leaves for Amoy, &c.
3 p.m.—Ningpo leaves for Shanghai.
3 p.m.—Moray and Arratoon Apoor leave
for Singapore, &c.
4 p.m.—Diamante leaves for Manila.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Aya undelivered after Noon,
subject to rent and landing charges.
Notice of optional cargo per Hesperia to
be given before 2 p.m.

Meetings.

8 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration at the City Hall.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

Amusement.

8 p.m.—Japanese Troupe Entertainment
at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, February 16:—
Daylight.—Kwangtung leaves for Coast
Ports.
MONDAY, February 17:—
Noon.—(Charlton) leaves for Port Darwin.
Noon.—Local Banks close for Public Busi-
ness on this and two following days.
TUESDAY, February 18:—
Goods per Radnorshire undelivered after
this date subject to rent.
THURSDAY, February 20:—
11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited, at
Messrs J., Matheson & Co.'s office.
FRIDAY, February 21:—
Goods per Hesperia undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
SATURDAY, February 22:—
Noon.—Brisbane leaves for Singapore, &c.
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of
Call and Europe.
MONDAY, February 24:—
2.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of
The China Fire Insurance Co., Limited,
at No. 39, Queen's Road.
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.,
Limited, at Club Chambers.
8 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yok-
ohama and San Francisco.
TUESDAY, February 25:—
Noon.—Naval Contract Tenders close for
the Supply of Provisions.
2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, &c.,
at Mr Loring's residence, Arbutnot
Road.
WEDNESDAY, February 26:—
8 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited,
at No. 7, Queen's Road.
SATURDAY, March 1:—
2 p.m.—Sale of Lusitano Theatre.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEB. 14, 1879.

THE

CHORAL SOCIETY'S PERFORMANCE
OF "H. M. S. PINAFORE."

MISS KERR AND SIGNOR TRABBINI AT THE
THEATRE ROYAL.

The representation of the nautical opera
"H. M. S. Pinafore" at the City Hall last
night will be long remembered as a genuine
success for the Hongkong Choral Society
and the greatest

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part in its successful production—from the able conductor (Mr. Sangster) down to the smallest "midshipman"—comes in for a share, large or small, of the common credit due to the entire company.

We will not here touch upon the musical merits of the *Pinafore*, or upon the plot which it develops, especially as the latter has been nearly placed before our readers in another column. The creditable performance of the piece by amateurs is even more remarkable than either the music or the plot. When the curtain rose upon the deck of the vessel, with the Peak and city of Victoria in the background, the first impression was that the Society had taken on board, not a duncun, but a ship, with all her crew and appurtenances. Everything was nautical—some of the "Jacks" were very much so—excepting of course the First Lord and his female relations; and we may as well here remark that there was no hitch throughout, that the musical portion of the entertainment (including the conduct and accompaniment) proceeded with admirable smoothness, and that the arrangements throughout seemed to meet all requirements. For amateurs this speaks volumes.

One remark more about *Sir Joseph*, and that distinguished personage will be disposed of. The manner in which he seems to have caught the spirit of the time in relation to our little political world is as amazing as it was effective, giving occasion as it did to the happiest hits and references to things in general, which sparkled and bubbled over throughout his part, and raised it to an importance which in itself it could never have assumed. And now *Maurice*, *Henry VIII.*, *Twainy*, *Mold*, *Potter*, *Sir Joseph*—good bye! May your shadow and your reputation never be less!

Captain Corcoran, the captain of the *Pinafore*, was the first character ever undertaken on the stage by Mr. Pinafore, and as such he looked, acted, and sang his part with great credit to himself and pleasure to the audience. He was a good representation of the substantial but gentlemanly modern naval officer, and the utter disgust which he displayed at the intrusion of *Sir Joseph* and his attendant "sisters and cousins and aunts," though it may have imparted a stiffness of aspect to his acting, was very well rendered throughout. With a good voice, his adaptability, correct taste, and careful preparation, he proved himself to be a most valuable aid to a Society aspiring to a great representation.

Mr. Tom Bowling is too well known to require any elaborate notice. His voice has already given him a position before the public, and his personation of *Ralph Rackett* justifies it to the full. But it must be said further that Ralph proved on this occasion that he had more dramatic stuff in him than he has shown hitherto; his rendering of the part illustrating some bits of acting which called forth well-merited applause quite apart from his capital singing. It may here be mentioned, as reflecting credit upon Seaman Corcoran and Captain Rackett, that they both looked their original characters better than those assumed after they changed places.

The hideous *Dick Deadeye*—the most thankless and yet probably the most difficult part in the piece—was very effectively sustained by Mr. E. Kwong, who is a new man on the boards, although well known as a warm supporter of musical entertainments as were his brothers before him. His success was clearly shown by the shrill sympathies of the audience towards *Dick*, although this must have increased the difficulty of his role.

Mons. Maurice made a capital, business-like *Boatswain*, and was well rewarded by the audience for his good work; while Mr. H. Swivel looked as he was called upon to do—a well-straitened-up *Sergeant of Marines*.

The part of the prima donna was undertaken by Miss Kerr at a late period of the rehearsal, owing to the indisposition of a lady whose previous successes have frequently been recorded in these columns; and the manner in which the leading character of *Josephine* was sustained has at once established this new candidate for operatic honours in the good opinion of the public. From her first entrance, when she sang the ballad "Sorry her lot who loves too well, until the curtain fell, Mr. Kerr succeeded in eliciting the sympathies and commanding the applause of a most discriminating audience. Her slight touch of timidity harmonized with the part she had to fill, and her entire performance, especially her singing, was a genuine success. With her sweet, rich voice, and the careful execution she displayed, she soon won upon her hearers; and amid the applause she evoked, a bouquet thrown on the stage was the signal for a fresh outburst of enthusiasm both sincere and well-deserved. Miss Kerr's acting, though quiet, became her part well; and in more than one scene she exhibited a power which we hope will be called forth on future occasions.

Cousin Hebe was quietly and neatly represented by Miss Fraser, who noted and sang throughout in a very graceful and engaging manner indeed. As leader of the round of attractive "sisters, cousins and aunts," she played her part well, and subsided into the arms of the big, little First Lord with a winning smile which was applauded to the echo.

Last, but not least—and really one of the best parts of the opera—comes *Little Buttercup*, the Bumbast-Woman, baby-farmer, and sweetheart. This character was represented by Madame Chervau, who was warmly greeted, as an old friend of Hongkong audiences, the moment she appeared, with her basket of sailor's "notions" amongst the appreciative crew of the *Pinafore*. Buttercup's "get-up" was very happy, and when it is said that her singing and acting were admirably in keeping with her appearance, it will be understood that her representation was successful in the fullest sense.

An amateur well known in our dramatic history introduced a sailor's hump into the first act with such marvellous skill that he was compelled to reappear, and start afresh; and some of our old friends asserted that this was the best part of the entertainment.

The Band of the 74th Highlanders played selections during the evening; and the accompaniments were played excellently well by Mr. Panizza.

Owing to their visit to Canton, H. E. the Governor and Mrs. Hennessy were unfortunately unable to be present at the entertainment. There were, however, amongst those present—Major General and Mrs. Donoyon, Vice-Admiral Cotes, Lady Smale, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Snowden, Colonel Jago, and a large number of naval and military officers. The audience was one of the largest known in this Colony for many years past.

[BY A CONTRIBUTOR.]

That The Choral Society carry with them the sympathy of all here for the spirited way they are now catering to satisfy the sensitive palate of the Hongkong Community in varying their hitherto stereotyped bill of fare by substituting the fascinating Opera Bouffe, with its bright accessories of scenic effects and gay dresses, for the more æsthetic entertainment of the Concert confined to strictly classical music and white tie of the conventional black coat and white tie of rigid propriety.—is now an unquestioned fact. The enthusiasm which drove so many to hurry over an early breakfast and stand on tip-toe outside the doors of Messrs Lane, Crawford's Store before they were opened for the day, on the morning when the tickets for last night's performance were first for sale, showed an impatience for the coming treat that was unmistakable. Had there been a party organization to pack the theatre for some political end, the rush to secure seats could hardly have been greater. So far, however, from any manoeuvring of the kind being discernible, it was evident that the excitement had come upon the City like an epidemic, and the chagrined expression of numbers who went, as they thought, early enough in all conscience to get tickets for the front row, and found themselves relegated to back seats under the gallery, showed how little they expected such keen competition. One thing was clear away, whether it was the popularity which the particular opera announced had gained for itself in England, or the confidence that was felt in the Company from the specimen they had given of their powers, when, a twelvemonth ago, they first departed from old traditions and inaugurated a new phase of their existence by the production of the opera "Trial by Jury." The Public expected great things when the curtain should rise on the night fixed for bringing out the Entirely Original Nautical Comic Opera by the same composer entitled *H. M. S. Pinafore*. The most captious critic will hardly dare to say, with the cheers and plaudits of a crammed house still ringing in his ears, that the performance of last night disappointed public expectation. It would be like dissecting a butterfly to analyse a plot light and impalpable as that which afforded us so much amusement a few hours ago. Robbed of its delicate plumage by rough handling, the butterfly would lose all its beauty, and striped of its stage effect, the piquancy of the acting, and the excellence of the singing, the plot of the *Pinafore* is hardly worth noticing, except for the vein of satire that runs through it directed at the practice that obtains at official Headquarters of appointing men to high positions for which they are totally unfit. A mere outline of the plot will be sufficient for all purposes.

Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B., who owes his appointment of First Lord of the Admiralty to always voting at his party's call, and never thinking for himself at all, pays a visit of inspection to *H. M. S. Pinafore*, as she lies at anchor opposite our sun-bath, little city nestling under the bare hills of Hongkong, with the view for the hand of Josephine, Captain Corcoran's daughter, to whom he is an object of aversion, to whom he at the time being already given to Ralph Rackett, able seaman on board the *Pinafore*, and, according to his own estimation, the smartest lad in all the fleet. The First Lord struts on board, followed by a boy of sycophantic female relations—who evidently look upon him as a valuable chattel in which they each have an interest and therefore not to be trusted out of their sight for a moment,—like a Turkey Cook with a train of jealous henns in attendance, and improves the occasion by snubbing Capt. Corcoran before his men, impressing on the crew that a British Sailor is any man's equal but his own, when he retires to the cabin to refresh the inner man and make love to Josephine. After a while Josephine comes on deck nauseated with Sir Joseph's attention and is encountered by Ralph, who declares his love only to be repulsed by her on account of the gulf of social position that separates them and to avoid his importunities, is driven back to her cabin, reappearing, however, after a short interval just in time to see the hand of her lover in the act of pistoling himself, when she agrees to elope with him that very night. Here the curtain falls on the first act. The second act represents the same scene by moonlight and discovers the Captain on deck in a very low state of mind, having been threatened by the First Lord with a Court-martial for not dancing the hornpipe to his satisfaction, but is consoled by little Buttercup, a bumbast woman "the rouiest, roundest and ruddiest beauty in all Hongkong," to such an extent, that he declares he is so touched by her innocent regard for him, that if they were differently situated, he thinks he could have returned it. On this declaration little Buttercup retires, and the Captain receiving warning from *Dick Deadeye*, a hopeless chap and an object of aversion to the others, of his daughter's intended flight with Ralph Rackett, lies in wait for the culprit, and, catching them in the act, suffers his temper so far to get the better of him as to swear roundly at them, and to order to his cabin by Sir Joseph, for using bad language, at the same time that Ralph is consigned to the deepest dungeon on board for his audacity in poshoning the First Lord's manor. At this moment little Buttercup comes to the rescue like the "Deus ex machina," and explains that, many years ago when she was young and charming—as some present are supposed to know—she practised baby-farming, receiving and rearing her care two tender babes, one of low condition, the other upper crank, the well-born babe being Ralph, while the Captain was the other; and she mixed them up that (as Sir Joseph puts it to the latter) it seemed that "you were Ralph and Ralph was you." This explanation smooths away all difficulties in the way of judicial justice being done to the principal actors on the score of social position; the Captain pairs off with little Buttercup, Ralph with Josephine, and Sir Joseph with Cousin Hebe; the most forward of all his female relations, who, once in possession, gives good bye ones for all to her Lord's sisters and his cousins, and his aunts, especially his cousins whom he reckons up by dozens.

That the role of *Sir Joseph Porter*, by so established a favorite as Signor Trebelli, would have been an immense success was a foregone conclusion; but, last night, he appeared in such exceptionally good form, and so tickled the audience with the good-natured "gag" he introduced on local topics, that he had lately occupied public attention, that he secured for himself a reception, probably never before in any quarter of the world, accorded to an amateur. Mr. Tom Bowling, also a deserved favorite here, not only sustained his former reputation but showed a marked improvement in the spirit he infused into his part. He was in capital voice, his high notes being heard to great advantage, and his solo "A maiden fair to see," which was sung with great expression, elicited a well-deserved encore. The part of *Captain Corcoran*, a true sailor who could hand, reef, and steer and ship a salvage too, whatever that may mean, but a gentleman above all, fitted Mr. William Phibbs to a T. It was his first appearance on any stage, and his acting at the beginning, especially in his first scene with little Buttercup, wanted more life and life-play; but he warmed up to his part as the play proceeded, and towards the end swore at Ralph Rackett for trying to elope with his daughter in good earnest; and he appeared to best advantage just before the curtain fell at the close of the second act, posed as a Jolly Tar with his arm round his little Buttercup. His singing however was his great forte, his rendering of the Solo "Fair Moon to thee I sing," gained the just applause it merited. Certainly the part could not have fallen to better hands. The odious part of *Dick Deadeye* fell to another novice, Mr. Ewing. Whether the interpretation of the character as rendered by him was the reproduction of some London model, or Mr. Ewing's own idea of the part, it could not have been better rendered in the hands of the oldest professional. His singing too was of a high order, and his whole performance most creditable. Monsieur Maurice as boatswain infused great spirit into his part; and the Crew, one and all, vied with each other in helping on the action of the piece.

Miss Kerr, to whom was apportioned the rôle of *Josephine*, has a rich soprano voice, and the rendering of the solos which fell to her part was most effective. Her self-possession, considering this was the first occasion of her appearing before the public, was remarkable, and the applause which greeted her throughout showed clearly that she was well fitted to take the leading part in any future performance of the kind. Madame Chervau, who took the part of Little Buttercup, is an old member of the Choral Society, and seemed perfectly at home on the stage, the music of the part being well calculated to bring out her fine contralto voice with telling effect, while the situations in which she was placed afforded her a wide field for the display of any amount of sly humour, of which she availed herself to the utmost. The Choruses were well sung, from beginning to end, both ladies and gentlemen rendering the music with great spirit and a regard for keeping accurate time which reflects great credit upon the painstaking conductor, Mr. Sangster.

The way the piece was put on the stage would have been creditable to any London theatre. Nothing was neglected to make the one scene of the piece—the Quarter-deck of a man of war—as realistic as possible. The brightly polished binnacle on the raised poop over the entrance to the cabin—the hammocks stowed in their racks on the bulwarks in the first act and cleared away in the second—the truly regulation cut of the crew's uniforms as well as their beards—the admirable view of Hongkong in the background, made us forget we were in a theatre, and thus enhanced our sympathies with the actors; but no efforts of the Property-man or the Scene painter could have brightened up the stage or evoked the enthusiasm of the audience to half the extent as did the appearance of Sir Joseph's Sisters, and his cousins, and his aunts, especially his cousins, in the numbers that graced the board last night.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The departure of the P. M. S. S. *City of Peking* for San Francisco is postponed to Monday, the 24th instant, at 3 p.m.

H. M. S. *Iron Duke* went out for target practice this morning. The *Vigilant* has left for Pakhoi and Hoibow.

Messrs. W. Pustau & Co.'s Furniture & Co. at their house here, was sold by auction today.

We understand that a rifle match is to take place shortly between the Police and the Volunteers, the prize being a cup.

We erroneously alluded to Mr. Theodore Pustau as a bankrupt in our report of the proceedings at the Supreme Court yesterday; it should have been as a witness in the bankruptcy of W. Pustau & Co.

We would call attention to the advertisement about the closing of the Banks on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next at noon; the last two words were omitted from the advertisement which appeared in our issue last evening.

We hear that a most absurd order has been issued to the detective police, viz., that they are in future to wear uniform. Detection now will be almost impossible. The order has emanated, we believe, from some one high in authority and with very little knowledge, we should imagine, of the duties of a detective officer.

Six men who were subpoenaed to appear to-day before the Supreme Court, failed to answer the summons and had to be brought to the Court. His Lordship asked them for an explanation, and they said they were afraid to come. When asked whether anybody had threatened them, they said no, but they were afraid some one would do them harm. His Lordship told them he would let them go this time, but that they had no cause to be

afraid of any one in Hongkong, and if any one threatened or annoyed them, they could get the protection of the Court.

The *North China Daily Hong Kong* for 1879, which has just been published, is a valuable compilation too well-known to residents in the Far East to need any words of recommendation on our part. It is at once a carefully-arranged, well-printed, and handy directory of the foreign establishments at Shanghai and the northern Treaty-Ports, and a compendium of other information, most useful to the community in those places. The publication is a great credit to the office of our morning contemporary at Shanghai.

THE *Overland China Mail*, for to-morrow's English Mail, (10 pp.) contains the following:—

Editorial Articles.—The So-called Treaty with Japan and the U.S.A., a Serious Disaster in South-Africa, Future Railways for China, Postal Facilities in Japan, Official Changes, the Unofficial Members Thirst After Knowledge, a Governor for N.S.W., the "Lost Tribes" Found, Wenchow and Wuhu, the Outside World, a Bloodless Victory, the Electric Light, Current Topics.

General Articles.—Chinese Notes, Race for the Douglas Challenge Cup, Naval and Military Athletic Sports, "H. M. S. Pinafore" at the City Hall, The Newly Appointed American Consul for Hongkong (Colonel John S. Mosby, of Virginia), Hongkong, Foreign Steamers in China, Amoy Races, Supreme Court, Police Intelligence, Hongkong Horticultural Exhibition Society, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Marine Court of Enquiry, Canton, Manila, The Straits, Latest Reuter's Telegrams, Commercial Summary, Correspondence, Shipping Intelligence.

The following paragraph is taken from the *Englishman* of the 18th instant, and may be of interest to many of our readers here:—

Shippers of goods from Bombay may be glad to learn that the First Judge of the Small Cause Court there has ruled, in a case lately before him, that, according to the custom of the port of Bombay, "wet and stormy days" are not "working days" within the meaning of the latter words when used in a charter party.

HEGDE & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 8th February, 1879:—

Arrivals During the Week.—Jan. 31, Lulu, from Hongkong; Feb. 4, Yesso, from Hongkong; 6, Kwangtung, from Hongkong; 7, Hankwang, from Shanghai. Departures During the Week.—Feb. 2, Douglas, for Hongkong; 4, Europe, for Shanghai; 6, Quickstep, for Shanghai; 9, Yesso, for Hongkong.

Shipping in Port.—Ling Feng, Sheldrake, Cr.aby, Lulu, Kwangtung, Hankwang.

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending February 9th 1879:—

	European.	Chinese.
Monday, Feb. 3rd,	67	1163
Tuesday,	4th,	77
Wednesday,	5th,	59
Thursday,	6th,	72
Friday,	7th,	77
Saturday,	8th,	81
Sunday,	9th,	72
Total,	505	4,764
Grand total, 5,269.		

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice SNOWDEN.)
14th February, 1879.

Forbes v. Ah Yon, \$615.—This was a claim arising out of a breach of contract. The plaintiff's firm (Messrs Russell & Co.) sold to the defendant 500 tons of coal of a certain quality for cash, to be taken delivery of within one month. The defendant had taken delivery of one half of the coal, and the balance was subsequently sold, and the plaintiff sought to recover the difference between the contract price and the price realized, less 12 per cent, and godown rent for 8 months.

The defence set up was that the defendant had declined to take delivery, and that being so, it was the duty of the plaintiff to have sold it at the market rate. That, instead of this being done, the coal was kept for 8 or 9 months, and was then sold without being put on the market. This was all the defence.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff, with costs.

Mr. Wotton (of Mr. Brereton's office) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Sharp for the defendant.

Lee Afat v. The Australasian Steam Navigation Company, \$217.00. Ho Ato v. Same.

These cases which were test cases and actions on the part of two firemen against the above Company for liquidated damages and balance of 2 months wages (from 9th Dec. 1878 to 9th Feb. 1879) were resumed today.

Mr. Brereton said he was in a very unfortunate position. Some of the Chinese passengers had had their agreements taken from them by their head-men who wanted to compel them to take proceedings, and they had been threatened if they came forward and gave evidence.

His Lordship said that if that could be proved, he would know how to deal with the guilty parties.

Mr. Francis said that he would call His Lordship's attention to the fact that the statements now made differed materially from those formerly put forward. His learned friend had said there were only one or two men who had not given up their agreements. The men whom he (Mr. Francis) represented were twelve in number, and there was no head-man. He (Mr. Francis) had refused to deal with any head-men, and his clients had all come forward individually.

Mr. Brereton said he had six men whom he would like to bring forward; they were willing to come, but under compulsion. He would subpoena them.

The six men were brought into Court, but were not examined.

Mr. Francis addressed the Court and said, he would not call any evidence at

the witnesses called by Mr. Brereton had embodied all his (Mr. Francis's) witnesses would have said.

Mr. Brereton addressed the Court for the defence at considerable length. He said, that if the men had been left on the island for six months, they would have had cause to complain, but this was not the case; they had received every attention and had been provided with a comfortable passage back to Hongkong. The learned counsel then alluded to the words used by Mr. Francis—disreputable advantage—and submitted that no advantage whatever had been taken of them. Mr. Francis had admitted that the Company's agent (Mr. Baird) had been placed in an extremely difficult position. He submitted that if the men had gone on to Sydney and shipped on board of any of the Company's steamers, that the three years' agreement would have become a bit of waste paper. Alluding to the penal clause which was inserted in the agreement, by which headmen would have to forfeit a sum equivalent to 12 months' pay, he said that was inserted in the case the men should run away to the diggings upon their arriving at their destination.

Mr. Francis said he would like to call His Lordship's attention to the fact that his friend did not treat the matter in this way in his opening remarks.

His Lordship said he thought Mr. Brereton was quite in order. Mr. Francis might have an opportunity to make a few remarks in reply.

Mr. Brereton then revived the treatment the men had been subjected to, which he said was of the very best. He alluded to the loss the Company had already incurred in the loss of a steamer, and having had to send two vessels to Thursday Island in consequence. If the men had shown that they had suffered any loss it would be different, but they had not. They had received three months' pay each, and a free passage to and fro, and yet Mr. Francis had advised them to bring an action against the Company. The Company was anxious to obtain the services of the men—or they would not have entered into agreement—and gone to the expense they had gone to—but subsequently they found it would be injudicious to employ them; injudicious on their own part and very unwise to the men. No man cares to have to walk about with a loaded revolver in his pocket.

The Company were acting a humane part in bringing the men back. After hearing the evidence of Captain Johnson and Edmondson it was monstrous to speak of threats. Some people thought public companies fair game for plunder. He submitted that there had been accord and satisfaction on the part of the men. The twelve witnesses Mr. Francis was going to put into the box have, he said, dwindled down to nothing. Nothing had been proved of the threats and coercion Mr. Francis had spoken of. He would ask His Lordship if he thought the plaintiffs were entitled to any damages, to let the damages be assessed by a Jury, but he Mr. Brereton would ask His Lordship to dismiss the case with costs.

Mr. Francis replied and held that if any of the men had proceeded to Sydney and shipped upon any of the Company's Steamers, the articles they then signed, as required by the Merchant Shipping Act, would only have been a subsidiary agreement, and that as soon as it expired the original three years' agreement would be in force until the three years were fully completed.

His Lordship said he did not think the case would be complete without the evidence of Chan Afat (one of the plaintiffs). Chan Afat was accordingly called and examined, and that concluded the case. Judgment was reserved.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)
13th February, 1879.

THE ROBBERY FROM CAPTAIN DEANE. Sukmandun Durga, a watchman at Messrs Sayle & Co.'s, was charged on remand with being in the unlawful possession of a silver watch and gold chain, the property of Captain Deane, Superintendent of Police, and further with having given wilful false testimony in connection with the affair against one Surranat Singh (P. O. No. 667).

Mr. Dennis appeared on behalf of the defendant, who pleaded guilty and begged the mercy of the Court, asking that the case be summarily dealt with. His Worship ordered the defendant to pay \$50 as compensation to the constable, or in default six months' hard labour, and further fined him \$20 for unlawful possession of the watch or in default two months' imprisonment. His Worship remanded that the offence of which the defendant had been guilty was a very serious one, especially the charge he had brought against the constable.

Exchange.

Bank, Telegraphic, ... 3/6
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/6
" 6 months' sight, ... 3/7
Credits, ... 3/7
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/8
India, Telegraphic, ... 2/10
" demand, ... 2/20
Shanghai, demand, ... 7/2
" 80 days' sight, ... 7/3
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 108 1/2
Sycee, ... 109
Mexicans, ... 2 1/2
Gold Leaf, 99 1/2 touch, ... 28.30
Sovereigns, ... 5.65

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 51 1/2 prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,600
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,500
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., \$1,718 ex. div.
Chinese Insurance Co., \$800
North China Ins. Co., \$1,800
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$320
China Fire Ins. Co., \$475
H.K. & W. Dock Co., ex. div.
H.K. O. & M. S. Boat Co., ex. div.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, \$17
China Coast S. S. Co., \$160
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65
Hongkong Raffles Co., \$138
China Sugar Refining Co., \$103
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$103
Do, of 1877, \$108.10.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

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BAROMETRE—9 A.M. ... 30.278
Do, 1 P.M. ... 30.158
Do, 4 P.M. ... 30.120
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 69
Do, 1 P.M. ... 77
Do, 4 P.M. ... 83
Do, (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 86
Do, Do, 1 P.M. ... 80
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Do, Minimum over night ... 69

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Bank, Telegraphic, ... 3/6

" 30 days' sight, ... 3/6

" 6 months' sight, ... 3/7

Credits, ... 3/7

Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/8

India, Telegraphic, ... 2/10

" demand, ... 2/20

Shanghai, demand, ... 7/2

" 80 days' sight, ... 7/3

Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 108 1/2

Sycee, ... 109

Mexicans, ... 2 1/2

Gold Leaf, 99 1/2 touch, ... 28.30

Sovereigns, ... 5.65

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